



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Farmer  
ASSIGNEE : GANEDEN BIOTECH, INC.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/708,870 EXAMINER : Afremova, V.  
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FOR : Inhibition of Pathogens by Probiotic Bacteria

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office action mailed March 8, 2004. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, and the required fees are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this response is due on or before Monday, August 9, 2004 (August 8, 2004 being a Sunday). No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-509.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.